



Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Waiver Plan Access

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Best States For Living With A Disability

- In 2022, [Georgia](#) was ranked by Policygenius to be 49th out of the 50 states and the District of Columbia as the best state to live in with a disability.
- This index scored states on 26 factors across four main categories. They were:
 - Economic Data;
 - Affordability;
 - Livability; and
 - The State of Healthcare and Insurance



Categorical Rankings ([Map](#))

Economic Data

1. Median earnings for people with a disability.
2. Labor force participation rate for people with a disability.
3. Unemployment rate for people who have a disability and are in the labor force.
4. Poverty rate for people with a disability.
5. Ticket to Work offices.
6. Ticket to Work tickets.

Affordability

1. Livable wage.
2. Monthly housing costs.
3. Housing costs as a percent of income.
4. Percent of residents with IDD in public housing.
5. Percent of households receiving SNAP benefits.
6. Average SNAP benefit per person.



Categorical Rankings ([Map](#)) Cont.

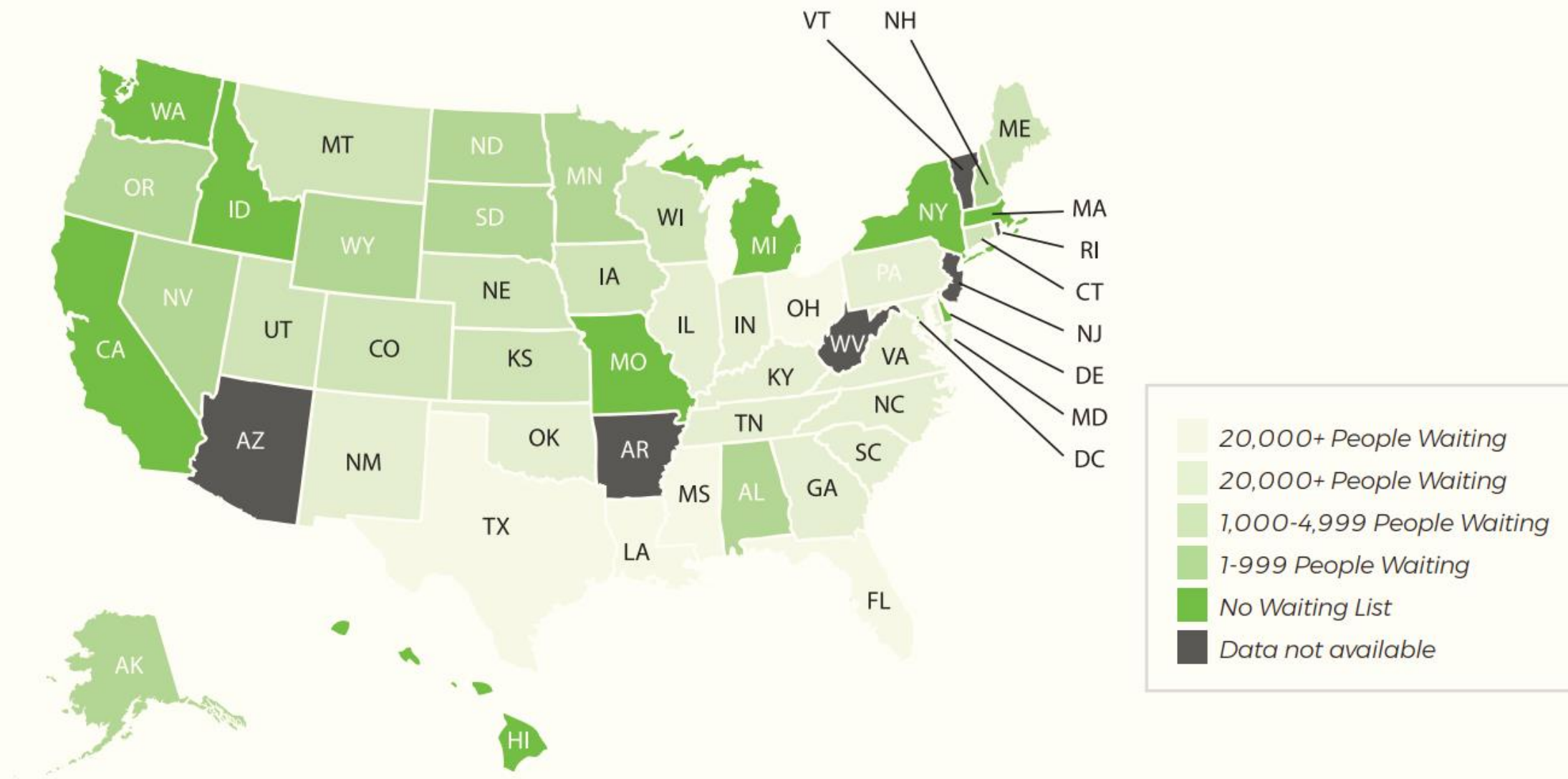
Livability

1. Walk Score.
2. Transit Score.
3. ADA-accessible transit stations.
4. Percent of population using public transportation.
5. Average commute time to work.
6. Population of residents with a disability.
7. Percent of state residents that have a disability.

Healthcare and Insurance

1. Accredited health departments per capita.
2. Percent of residents with a disability that have health insurance.
3. Medicare enrollees.
4. Medicare providers per capita.
5. Average Medicare bill per person.
6. Average OASDI benefit.
7. Average SSDI benefit.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON STATES' WAITING LISTS FOR HCBS (IDD) SERVICES





CMS Waiver Programs: NOW and COMP

- Occupational Therapy;
- Physical Therapy;
- Speech and Language Therapy;
- Behavioral Support Services;
- Community Access;
- Community Living Supports;
- In Home and Out of Home Respite;
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptation;
- Interpreter Services;
- Individual Directed Goods and Services;
- Intensive Support Coordination and Support Coordination;
- Financial Support Services;
- Prevocational Services;
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies;
- Support Coordination;
- Supported Employment;
- Transportation;
- Vehicle Adaptation;
- Skilled Nursing Services;
- Nutrition Services; and
- Additional Staffing.



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